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PERMANENT CHALLENGE CUP NOW OFFERED FOR SENIOR BARGE EVENT

One thing that has been needed for a long time to give an added importance and interest to rowing, is now forthcoming. It is a permanent challenge cup, for the senior barge event, and the good news was given out yesterday afternoon that the Hawaiian Rowing Association had put up the trophy. The cup is a massive solid silver one, a credit to the association and in every way adequate for what it represents.

According to the terms of the deed of gift, the cup is to be raced for this year by the senior six-oared barge crews, and is to be emblematic of the Coast championship for that event. It is to be contested every year in the home waters of the holding club, provided that it is challenged for. This means that in the event of Alameda capturing the big race this year, the trophy and championship which it represents will go to the Coast, and will remain there until some other crew lifts it. For some time past local rowing men have felt that there should be some permanent challenge plate for Island rowing, and the visit of the California crew gives an added reason for inaugurating the trophy this year. The winning seniors will get their names on this cup, and have possession of it, in addition to winning the Wall & Dougherty cup outright.

Another race has been added to the already well-filled program for Regatta Day. It is one for navy cutters, and crews from the navy tug Navajo and from the Inter-Island Company will compete. Both outfits are hard at work preparing for the race, and yesterday the heavy twelve-oared cutters were sent over the course at a fast clip. Apparently both boats are well manned, and the race should prove an added attraction of considerable class.

Yesterday afternoon the harbor was fairly alive with racing craft. Heanala and Myrtle had all three crews out for practice, while Punahoa seniors and juniors, and the Alameda crew were also on the water. In addition to the six-oar barges, there were several pair-oar crews out, the harbor having a regular holiday look. As Regatta Day approaches interest in the various events, and espe-

cially in the senior race, is increasing rapidly. This is the first time that Hawaiian oarsmen have had a chance to defend their laurels against invasion, and the keynote of the whole regatta is the meeting between the Alamedas and the local crews. Whole regiments of Grooms will parade the wharves Saturday if the Coast men get away with the race, and if they do it will be because they are better oarsmen than the Oahu and Maui representatives, as the race will probably be lost purely on merit. Certainly the visitors have more to contend with than the locals, and if they win after their long journey and change of climate, they deserve all the credit that can be given them.

The Myrtle seniors have been made favorites by the talent, and several bets were laid yesterday at even money the Myrtles against the field in the senior event. The Alameda crowd has considerable coin to place, which they want to bet on Alameda against the field, but they are holding out for better than even money, which is natural. Another block of coin is being held to bet on the field against any crew at all.

ROWING NOTES

A story was going the rounds yesterday that a certain well known rowing enthusiast had been heard to make the remark that he would wager two to one a certain crew wouldn't win in the senior event Saturday. A member of that crew who happened to be standing nearby heard the remark.

"Where is your money and how much have you got?" he quickly inquired.

"Oh," said the sport, "I'm not betting. I was just figuring."

C. Kiser, the big, handsome, blonde fellow who rows Number Three in the Alameda crew, is an all-around university athlete. He was on the University of Oregon football eleven last year, and on his return to the mainland from Honolulu he expects to go to Cornell. The one-year rule will defer him from appearing on any of the big team or rowing crew during the coming year, however.

The Fisher investigation, the Territorial Republican convention and the coming regatta were subjects of offering ample source for discussion yesterday, but the rowing events took precedence over the other two in real interest. Even Prince Kuhio, the leading spirit in both the Fisher inquiry and the Republican convention, found time yesterday afternoon to visit the Heanala boat house and join the crowd watching the oarsmen.

The balcony of the Heanala boat house is getting to be quite a pink tea pavilion. The feminine enthusiasts are on hand every afternoon now to cheer the various crews, and by their comments it is apparent that some of them are as well posted on the rowing game as their men folk.

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CAPTAIN AKANA TELLS OF CHINESE GREAT SHOWING



SAM HOP
To Whose Good Work as a Trainer the Success of the Chinese Ball Team is Largely Due

CLUB MANAGERS TRIED TO SIGN FIVE OF THE PLAYERS

ONE OF THE happiest persons in town today is Albert Akana, the captain of the Chinese baseball team now touring the United States. Akana returned two days ago on the Sierra. He had to hurry back to Honolulu, and left the team at Elkhart, Indiana, where the Honolulu aggregation managed to break even in a series of two games with the semi-professional team.

"You bet I am glad to see the old town again," said Akana. "I got a leave of absence for only six months and this will expire tomorrow, the 19th. I hate to have parted company with the boys, for we have become deeply attached to one another."

"The best service I have rendered for Hawaii has been performed during the last six months. Many people have never heard the name of Hawaii before and when they saw a ball team from Honolulu in action, they were greatly astonished—more so when they were defeated. Besides playing baseball, we had occasion to give the people all over the country a taste of Hawaiian music, and they certainly went crazy over it."

"I want to tell you an experience which was a very common one with some of the ball clubs. If there should be a series of two or three games scheduled, in nine cases out of ten we did prove ourselves the superior team. But strange to say, after our first victory in the series, we generally had to face a new team, though under the name of the same ball club. Well, they kept on importing star players from other towns, some of whom had already played against us in some previous contests, even though they appeared in different uniforms. To get even with them, our coaching was done in Chinese and Hawaiian—a puzzle to the opponents."

"Nevertheless, the team is in great shape. When I left them in Indiana, the boys were pulling together like a machine. After we played our game at Grand Rapids, five of us were given a surprise. We were offered contracts to play professional baseball in the Michigan State League with a guaranteed salary of \$125 a month each. Pitcher Apau, Shorty Ayau, and 'Randy' Kan Yen said that they could earn that amount per month without being branded as professionals, while Lal Tin could not see it that way, for he intends to play a stellar role in college."

"I have occupied every position on the line-up, except the pitcher's box. I did not want to be bothered with the trouble of keeping track of a percentage column of games pitched, won and lost. The star twirlers of the team are Apau Kau, who was elected captain for the remaining weeks, and Luck Yee, who is the sensation of the trip. You will surely hear of 'Babe' Luck Yee when that boy gets to college. He was nothing but a Junior Leaguer previous to the tour. I predict a wonderful future for him."

"The team has had a very strenuous campaign. We had played exact-

SHOULD PROTECT THE PLOVER LONGER

Sportsmen Believe That Closed Season on These Migratory Birds Should Extend Until October 1

That the closed season on plover should be extended until October 1, the date when quail and pheasant can be legally shot, is the opinion of many sportsmen who took the field last Sunday, the first day of the plover season. These men say that the birds are just beginning to arrive, and that it is a shame to shoot them before they have had a chance to fatten up after their long migration from the Arctic circle.

The plover are coming in right along now, and the chances are that by next Sunday the shooting on the flats near the beach will be fair. This promises to be a late winter in the north, which accounts for the late appearance of the plover here.

Reports are coming in with distressing frequency of pheasant shooting out of season. No sportsman with any decency will slaughter any game out of season, and this should apply especially to pheasants, when every possible effort is being made to stock the island with them. In fact, another importation is expected soon, and to have irresponsible persons potting the birds ahead of time is something over which the sportsmen are holding indignation meetings.

In connection with making the pheasant supply of Oahu secure by importation of birds, the following article on game farming from the San Francisco Chronicle, can find a local application.

Game farming is a comparatively new occupation in the United States. It should be remembered, however, that until a short time ago scientific forestry was practically unknown. Both are destined to play a large part in our economic life, and the former is especially important in its bearing on the cost of living.

The emergence of those of our citizens who take an interest in wild things have been mostly expended in exterminating them. In this they have been so successful that during the last twenty years many states have found themselves practically barren of the wild life that once furnished food and a means of healthful recreation to their inhabitants.

A leaf has been taken out of Europe's book of experience, and they started in to raise game. As pheasants had been successfully propagated in the old country for centuries, and had already gained a foothold in Washington and Oregon, they not unreasonably turned to these birds to lead them out of their difficulties, and they had to have them quickly.

The different State farms have had good success with pheasants. In some parts of the country there is now very fair pheasant shooting, but people began to ask why so much money was being expended on foreign birds when we have in our native quail, ruffed grouse and wild turkeys some of the best game birds in the world.

In response to this query, scattered attempts were made at rearing indigenous species but from the outset they have been beset by serious difficulties. That as yet little understood malady, the quail disease, has killed from their natural environment.

The most recent experiments in this line conducted on a large scale are those which are being carried on by the American Game Protective and Propagation Association at its game farm in Massachusetts. The association has acquired about 6000 acres near the town of South Carver, some forty miles from Boston. The land is ideal for the purpose in hand. It lies six miles from a railroad.

deal of money was paid out on this trip and the daily expenses were heavy. If someone had come through with some financial assistance besides the money raised by the corporation, we wouldn't have had to work our heads off by booking up as many games as possible. We had a fine time, just the same, and the experience is a wonderful one.

"While we were away we saw many big league games without admissions. We were guests of the president of the White Sox, Manager Jennings of the Detroit Tigers and Manager McGraw of the Giants. Oh, yes, we played at the Polo grounds, the home of these New York Giants, before the largest crowd—about 8000 spectators. The pennant chase in the two big leagues is practically over."

Made Real Hit.

"Yes, we left a good impression behind everywhere. Whether we will advertise the islands again next year is not definitely decided, but we have been promised many games with good guarantees."

"I don't think that the team will be back in town until the first part of next month. The team will be intact, though Sing (Hung) and Lan Akana were thinking of remaining for their college education if they had the coin. When the boys reach home, they expect to play a series of games with the league teams here. We will not have to watch the thermometer register at 106 or 110 degrees. I can assure you that the Honolulu baseball public will be given a real treat."

ALL-INDIAN BALL TEAM IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED IN WEST

GUTHRIE, Okla.,—Plans are on foot for the formation of an all-star Indian baseball team, composed of redskin members who are now shining lights on professional nines throughout the country. It is figured on paper that an invincible aggregation could be made from the aborigines.

It would not be necessary to have such men in the line-up as Thrope, the all-round Olympic champion; Chief Myers, of the Giants; White Shields, the phenomenal pitcher, now with an independent Western club; James Monett, the football wizard of the University of Oklahoma; Eagle Sands, of Carlisle, or Scott Porter, the all-round star at Cheyenne.

A team of league players composed of Emil Hansen, of Cheyenne, catcher; "Choc" Kelly, on first; Coons, Pawnee, on second; Frank Tenner, Delaware, on third; Mike Balenti, Cheyenne, shortstop; Paddy Mayes, Cherokee, center field; Levi Manley, Choctaw, right field, and Al Nickel, a Creek, in left field, with Fred Hagg, Cheyenne, Tincup and Ross, Cherokees; Pigeon, Tommy Deer, Henry Daye and Henry McIntosh, Creeks, as pitchers, would present a strong line-up.

This band of redskins will be assembled during September, according to present plans, for a series of games throughout the Southwest and Middle West. If their showing warrants and arrangements can be made, they will also play big-league teams along the Atlantic seaboard while the world's series between the pennant winners is in progress.

ANOTHER CHINESE CHAMPION FROM HONOLULU

The annual conference of the Chinese Students' Alliance in America, just ended, has brought forth another champion coming from Honolulu. He is William Sing Chung-Pung, a graduate of Oahu College, who ran under the colors of the University of Illinois at the Alliance track meet held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

It almost seems to be the established tradition for a Honolulu boy to carry off the individual prize, together with the club championship. In 1910, at Evanston, Ill., the title was held by a former Mills student, Yuk Wong of the University of Chicago, though closely pressed by Kim Tong Ho of the University of Wisconsin, a former Punahou graduate. Last year at Madison, Wis., Ho won the cup offered by the Chicago club with 25 points, and established a record for the 100-yard dash. The century event at 10-3-5 seconds is now jointly held by Ho and Pung. S. C. Pung is consequently the third Honolulu boy to repeat the feat, with Monyin Chung not far behind. Pung scored 30 points out of the 44 for Illinois, and succeeded in defeating Wisconsin, which secured 42 points.

The conference is an annual institution of the Chinese student body in America, lasting for one full week. It includes many functions, such as concerts, oratorical contests in English and Chinese, debates, platform addresses, stunts, basans and business meetings. There are also the track meet, tennis tournaments, association football games, baseball, cross-country runs, target shooting contests, and the bonfires. In the conference just ended on the first week in September, a celebration in honor of the establishment of the Chinese Republic was held. The conference was a successful affair from every point of view, and among the one hundred forty delegates gathered at Ann Arbor, there were fifteen Honolulu boys who are now attending the various institutions of learning in America.

C. C. Chiu of Purdue University has been doing the preliminary work in the organization of a Honolulu Chinese Club in America. It is estimated that there are about thirty-five Chinese students of Honolulu now attending mainland colleges.

HIGHBROW TALK ON CURVE BALL

The "why" of a baseball curve should no longer be a mystery, at least to the students of the Columbia University Summer School. In a lecture on the "Science of Baseball Curves" Prof. W. S. Franklin explained it all as follows:

"The whole secret of a curved ball lies in the relation of the pressure to the velocity and the spin that the pitcher gives it as it leaves his hand."

"Daniel Beroulli, a Swiss physician, who died in 1872, was the man who discovered the principle. He was observing a stream of water that flowed through wide pools and narrow shoals. In the pools he soon found that the velocity was almost nothing; in the shoals he found that the velocity was very swift, while the pressure had almost disappeared."

"This is the principle that governs the flight and curve of a ball. If the ball sails straight through the air with no spin, the air is pushed aside equal-

NINE DIFFERENT WAYS TO BALK

Rule-Makers May Know, but Umpires, Players and Spectators Are Ignorant—Some Dead Letters

Despite the frequency of its appearance in the box score, the balk is one of the unsolved mysteries to the average fan: It is about as mysterious as the confab between referee and boxer just before the opening song in a well-regulated bout.

Spectators are not the only ones in dreadful darkness as to what constitutes a balk, and why. Umpires, players and rule-makers themselves are more or less at sea regarding its exact limitations and demarcations, whatever they are.

Unless a pitcher can violate the spirit of the balk rules without transgressing the common interpretation of their wording, he has a lot to learn. Let any team figure out a pitcher's "motion," so that its players can guess with any degree of certainty when he is going to pitch and when he intends to throw to a base, and the men on that team will steal bases with comparative impunity.

Mystery Regarding Balk.

Slidestepping all the delicate points and shades of points on which good authorities differ, there is a great deal of prevalent mystery regarding the balk which can be dispelled. To begin with, there are nine kinds of balks. Probably you thought a balk was simply a bluff to pitch or throw to a base without going through with it. Sometimes a bluff to throw to a base is a balk and sometimes it is not; sometimes a bluff to pitch is a balk, and sometimes it is not. Sometimes to throw to a base is a balk, and sometimes a ball pitched squarely over the plate without any chance in the motion is both a balk and a ball for the batsman. A balk is not a ball unless there is a base-runner, but some balks are called balks if the bases are empty. Here are the nine ways of making a balk:

1. The pitcher starts to deliver the ball to the batsman, or to throw to first base when there is a runner on first base, and does not complete the pitch of throw unhesitatingly.
2. If the pitcher throws the ball to any base occupied by a runner, and does not step directly toward that base making the throw.
3. If the pitcher delivers the ball to the batsman while either foot is back of his slab.
4. If he pitches the ball without facing the batsman.
5. If he pitches the ball without peeking one foot on the slab.
6. If the pitcher holds the ball so long that, in the umpire's opinion, he is doing it to delay the game.
7. If the pitcher gets into position to pitch without having the ball in his possession.
8. If the pitcher makes any of the motions habitually used in pitching to the batsman and does not go through with the delivery to the plate.
9. If the catcher steps outside the lines of his position preparatory to receiving a pitched ball.

Three Are Obsolete.

The fourth, sixth and eighth ways of making balks practically are dead letters. The pitcher is not required to face the batsman all the time he is going through his motion. No one recalls when a pitcher was penalized for delaying the game by holding the ball while on the slab.

The third way of making a balk is for the pitcher to start with one foot behind the plate and take two steps in his delivery.

The first, second, seventh, eighth and ninth ways of balking do not affect the batsman. When the bases are all empty and the pitcher makes a balk of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth kind, the umpire calls a ball. For instance, if the pitcher takes two steps or fails to keep one foot on the slab, it is a balk, no matter if it is otherwise a perfect strike.

The umpire is supposed to declare a balk without being appealed to, but he seldom has that chance, for 1,000,000 claims of balks are made by the coaches for every balk declared.

ly in all directions, and the ball is directly under the control of gravity, so far as its curve is concerned, and it soon falls to the ground. Whereas, if the front of the ball is given a downward spin, there is in it, in addition to the straight forcing aside of the air, a circulation motion of the air around the ball. This motion being over and the under, the ball tends to increase the speed with which the air passes beneath the ball and retard it above the ball.

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